

BEDALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

NORTH RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.



Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE

Year ending 31st Dec., 1940.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting to you my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

- (1) One Medical Officer of Health (part time).
- (2) One Sanitary Inspector (part time).
- (3) One Water Inspector (part time).

STATISTICS.

Area (in acres), 43,302.

Registrar General's estimate of Resident Population, mid. 1940, 7,221.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1940), according to Rate Books, 1941.

Rateable Value of the Area, £24,177.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £100-10-10.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

LIVE BIRTHS—	Total.	M	F		
	Legitimate	99	44	55	Birth Rate
	Illegitimate	11	6	5	15.23.
The Birth Rate for 1939 was :—					
	Total.	M	F	}	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births
STILLBIRTHS—	8	4	4		
	Total.	M	F	}	Death Rate
DEATHS—	94	48	46		
					13.01.

The death rate for 1939 was :—
Deaths from puerperal causes, 0.

Death Rate of infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	63.6
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate (live births)				40.4
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate (live births)				272.7
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...		7
„ „ Measles (all ages)	...	...		1
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...		0
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)				0

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Arrangements for Scavenging remained the same as in 1939, though on account of the shortage of labour considerable difficulty was experienced in maintaining an efficient service.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.

The main contract for the New Water Supply for the area was completed on August 3rd, 1940, and during the year connections were made in the following villages :—

Burneston, Carthorpe, Kirklington, West Tanfield, Well, Howgrave, Nosterfield, Thornborough, Sutton Howgrave, Crakehall, Langthorne, Hackforth, Kirkby Fleetham, Thirn, Thornton Watlass, Killerby, Burrill, Couling, East Tanfield, Snape, Little Fencote.

Several analyses of the main supply were made during the year, and good results were reported.

Of 90 samples taken from private and public pumps in the area, 39 were condemned as unfit for domestic purposes.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

No developments or extensions have been carried out, but the existing drains and sewers have received attention when necessary.

HOUSING.

During the year 19 New Houses were completed, and of these 7 were constructed by private enterprise and 12 by Local Authority.

Owing to the large influx of a moving population a certain amount of overcrowding has been unavoidable, but where possible has been remedied.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MEAT.

In accordance with arrangements made by the Ministry of

Food, slaughtering is not permitted at private slaughterhouses, and all meat is now brought into the District from a Meat Depot in another area.

An exception to this regulation is the Bacon Factory at Leeming Bar where slaughtering is conducted as previously.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Except for a slight epidemic of Measles and German Measles during the first half of the year, the incidence of infectious diseases in the area has been about the average.

The presence of diphtheria carriers in a Children's Home which has been established in the district, having been evacuated from another area, caused some anxiety, but by frequent swabbing of the inmates, these cases were detected and removed to the Fever Hospital at Northallerton.

Gastro-enteritis and catarrhal jaundice also occurred in epidemic form throughout the year.

Influenza of a mild type occurred during the winter months.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED.

Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	6
Diphtheria	...	...	...	8
Erysipelas	...	...	...	1
Measles	...	...	...	17
Pneumonia	...	...	...	5

The School at West Tanfield was closed Oct. 21st to Nov. 4th on account of an outbreak of diphtheria.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following new cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year :—

<i>Respiratory</i>	<i>Non-Respiratory</i>
2	3

DEATH FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

<i>Respiratory</i>	<i>Non-Respiratory</i>
1	0

EVACUATION.

During the year some 450 children were received into the district from Sunderland.

These were found to be generally in a better condition than the evacuees received last year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ALAN W. HANSELL,

Medical Officer of Health.

A. W. Hansell.